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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| Applicant: | POLIKARPUS, ET AL. |)) Group Art Unit: 1753 |
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| | METHOD OF MAKING A SENSOR AND THE PRODUCT PRODUCED THEREFROM |))) |

VIA FACSIMILE: (703) 872-9311 Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated April 11, 2003 and the associated Advisory Action. Reconsideration and allowance of the case is respectfully requested based upon the following remarks.